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11. (SBU) In response to reftel request, Robin Shackell at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) told ESTHOff on July 29 he sees "no problem" with providing HMG assurances regarding the transfer of uranium to a UK Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) facility in support of a nuclear forensics exercise. He added this is a world-wide exercise and this type of request is routine. Shackell noted he is coordinating with the UK Atomic Weapons Establishment and the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to complete this request and expects to have the information necessary to report back to ESTHOff the week of August 3-7.

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